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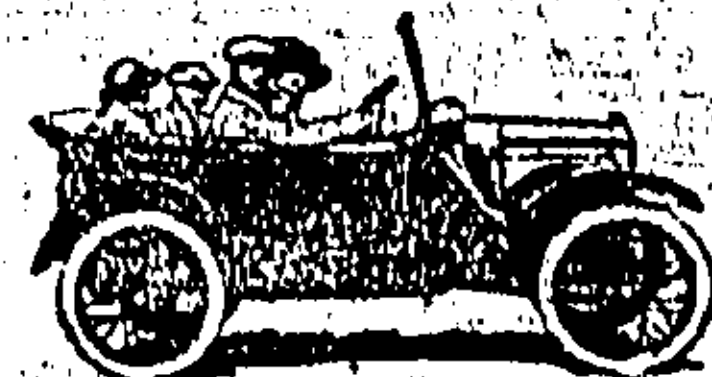
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COMRADE ZINOVIEV'S LETTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 24.

The Foreign Office has issued the text of a letter it has to-day addressed to the Russian Chargé d'Affaires calling attention to a letter which Mr. Zinoviev, President of the executive committee of the Communist International, addressed to the central committee of the British Communist Party, containing instructions to work for the violent overthrow of existing institutions in Britain and the subversion of His Majesty's armed forces as means to that end.

The Foreign Office informs the Russian Chargé d'Affaires that the Government cannot allow this propaganda and must regard it as direct interference in British domestic affairs. The Note says no one, who understands the constitution and relationships of the Communist International, will doubt its intimate connection with the Soviet Government. Such conduct is not only a grave departure from the rules of international comity, but a violation of the specific and solemn undertakings repeatedly given by the Soviet.

AGREEMENT IS CITED.

The Foreign Office cites the Agreement of June 4, 1923, relative to propaganda and points out that the Treaty recently concluded made still further provision for the faithful execution of an analogous undertaking. "His Majesty's Government mean that these undertakings shall be carried out in the letter and spirit and cannot accept the contention that, whilst the Soviet Government undertakes obligations, a political body as powerful as itself is to be allowed to conduct propaganda and support it with money which is in direct violation of the official agreement. The Soviet Government either has or has not power to make such arrangements. If it has the power, it is its duty to carry them out and see that other parties are not deceived.

If it has not this power and, if the responsibilities which belong to the State in other countries are in Russia in the keeping of private irresponsible bodies, the Soviet Government ought not to make agreements which it knows it cannot carry out."

Finally the Note requests the observations of the Soviet Government on the matter without delay. The letter is signed "in absence of Secretary of State" by J. D. Gregory.

THE "RED" LETTER.

The letter by Mr. Zinoviev says that the majority of the British Bourgeoisie are evidently against the Anglo-Russian treaty. "The proletariat of Britain, which pronounced its weighty word, when the breakdown in past negotiations threatened, and compelled the MacDonald Government to conclude the Treaty, must show the greatest possible energy in a further struggle for ratification and against the endeavours of British capitalists to annul it. It is indispensable to stir up the masses of the British proletariat to bring into movement the army of unemployed proletarians, whose position can be improved only after a loan has been granted the Soviet Union for the restoration of her economy; and when business collaboration between the British and Russian proletariats has been put in order." It is imperative that the group of the Labour Party, sympathising with the Treaty, should bring increased pressure to bear on the Government and in parliamentary circles in favour of ratification of the Treaty.

The letter declares "the settlement of Anglo-Russian relations will assist in revolutionising the international and British proletariat not less than the successful rising in any working districts of England as the establishment of close contact between the British and Russian proletariats and the exchange of Delegations and workers etc., will make it possible for us to extend and develop the propaganda and ideas of Leninism in England and her Colonies.

Armed warfare must be preceded by a struggle against inclination to compromise which is embedded among the majority of British workmen; against ideas of evolution and peaceful extermination of capitalism. Only then will it be possible to count upon complete success of armed insurrection.

In Ireland and the Colonies, the case is different. There is the national question and this represents too great a factor of success for us to waste time on prolonged preparation of the working class."

In another passage, Zinoviev's letter, which is dated September 15, says: "from your last report, evidently the agitation for propaganda work in the Army is weak and in the Navy very little better. It is suggested "cells" should be established in all units of troops, particularly in large centres; also in munition factories and military store depôts.

LEAGUE REPORTERS.

DIFFICULT WORK AT GENEVA CONFERENCE.

Official reporting at the Annual Assembly of the League of Nations is no joke.

The verbatim notes at all the plenary sittings of the Assembly are taken by a "pool" of shorthand writers taking ten-minute turns. A writer may be called upon to report any kind of speech, by an English or French delegate, or by some delegate who speaks English or French as a foreign language. An Asiatic member often leaves one in doubt, at the opening of the speech whether it is in English or French.

The whispered conversations going on both on the floor and in the galleries by people who are not interested or do not happen to understand the language being used increase the reporter's task. Sometimes he has to stand near the speaker and write notebook in hand.

Taking down the interpretations is even more difficult. The interpreters are all fluent, fluency being one of the qualifications. This might be no drawback, but the majority of the audience, having understood the original, regard the translation as a formality and thus give themselves up to conversation. The reporter therefore finds himself standing beneath the interpreter in a storm of talk, notebook in hand, struggling to take down a speech rattled off at perhaps two hundred words a minute.

At the end of his turn the writer dictates direct to a typist cutting a stencil for the copying machine, and he must be able to remove obscurities and correct errors of form as he goes along. One can imagine the state of mind of the reporter who finished up his turn with the sighing remark: "How dare he murder the French language like that!" and also that of the tired typist who mechanically transferred the remark to the stencil. The stencil was duly run off and the copies distributed, and the dash to recover the document before it reached the hands of the delegates is talked of to this day.

Through a passing motor-car breaking a road rake in his hand and causing him to fall backwards, George Moseley, of Coventry, died from a fractured skull.

DE VALERA.

REPUBLICAN LEADER ARRESTED.

ATTEMPT TO SPEAK IN ULSTER.

SEQUEL TO DAYLONG WATCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 24.

The Republican Leader Mr. Eamonn de Valera, was arrested in the vestibule of the Town Hall at Newry, Ulster to-night in the act of entering a meeting to speak in support of the Republican Candidate, in defiance of the Ulster authorities.

The arrest was the sequel to an all day watch of contingents of constabulary, armed with revolvers, rifles with fixed bayonets, and truncheons, guarding every possible approach to the town in view of De Valera's announced intention to speak.

HOME ELECTIONS.

LIBERALS AND MR. BALDWIN.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE PROBLEM.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, October 23.

Liberal Headquarters have issued a statement in reply to Mr. Stanley Baldwin's announcement with regard to Imperial preference.

The statement declares that the speeches, by Mr. Bruce and other Dominion Statesmen at the Imperial Conference last year, show the only sort of preference, which can meet their demands, must have consequences which Mr. Baldwin has repudiated.

MR. BALDWIN'S TOUR.

Mr. Baldwin received an enthusiastic send-off at Euston on his departure on a tour of Scotland and North England lasting till polling day. He sent as a message to his supporters the words of his old school song, "Play up you fellows, play up." Mrs. Baldwin sent a message to the women, "Work to keep Britain for the British."

THE PREMIER'S WARNING.

Mr. MacDonald in a speech at Gwmados declared that the Liberals had sold themselves; and unless Labour was returned to Parliament in full force, the country was going into the hands of dangerous reaction which would affect the whole of Europe. There was not only the danger of protection but the danger to international peace, the budget, etc. The country would be running a grave risk if the Conservatives were returned.

CAPITAL LEVY PROMISED.

In a speech at Maltby, Mr. Fred Hall, Junior, Lord of the Treasury, said Labour, if returned with a majority, would most certainly introduce a capital levy measure.

PRINCE OF WALES.

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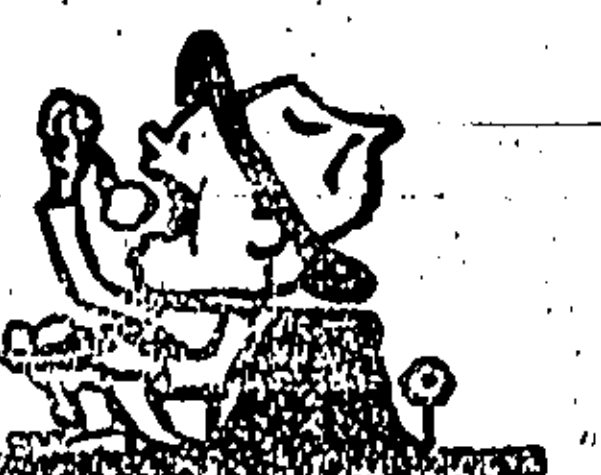
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THE HOME ELECTIONS.

The result of the coming elections at Home will be awaited with more than usual interest by Britons abroad, in view of the general state of unrest that has been evident since the termination of the war.

There is little doubt that the result depends upon the relations between the Liberal and Conservative Parties. At the time of the dissolution of Parliament, these two Parties were apparently at arms' length; but since then the cables have indicated a distinct rapprochement. Despite the apparent estrangement of a few weeks ago, however, it is noteworthy that during July and August, leaders for co-operation were put forward by the Conservative Leaders. In a speech at Manchester on July 26, Mr. Stanley Baldwin made an appeal

for co-operation to defend the Constitution. At the same meeting, Lord Derby appealed for the support of those Liberals, who "would be prepared to range themselves on our side." In another passage, Lord Derby said: "while, therefore, in no way giving up any of our principles, to which we must hold firm, let us welcome all those who will give us assistance in the coming fight."

Mr. Austen Chamberlain made a similar appeal, a few days later, in a newspaper article.

Again, Mr. Winston Churchill, who unsuccessfully contested the Westminster Abbey Division in March, as an Independent Anti-Socialist candidate, has consistently advocated Liberal and Conservative co-operation. As recently as September 26, at a Conservative meeting over which the Earl of Balfour presided at Edinburgh, he again pleaded in favour of this course.

Signs are not wanting that, in the present crisis, the two anti-Socialist Parties will reach an understanding. Now that Pro-Socialist is no longer a stumbling

block, there seems no valid reason why they should not settle their differences—differences, by the way, which are infinitesimal. Already they appear to have reached a working agreement whereby they will not contest the same seats. This is all to the good and if only personal animosities are dropped, at this juncture, the root of the feeling between the two Opposition Parties will have been eradicated. Elections at intervals of a year or so are disastrous from every angle. It is evident that the three Party system is unlikely to produce a working majority for any Ministry for some years to come. An arrangement between the Conservatives and Liberals appears the only solution of what is an especially grave issue at the present time.

Our Trams.

In an interview given to a contemporary, the new manager of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., has expressed himself as being agreeably surprised at and well-satisfied with his new charge. The line compares more than favourably with any other in the Far East; it may be extended and added to when occasion requires; and new tops or covers will in due time be placed on cars that still carry the old woebegone covers that are the opposite to waterproof and that seem to have done duty for years. This "glad news" will be received with indifference meted to conditions that, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, have seemingly never altered. There is no disposition on the part of the Company to enforce some of the rules so prominently displayed in its vehicles. Overcrowding during the summer months is flagrantly allowed, for the simple reason that with its present staff and absence of foot-proof doors, it is impossible to prevent overcrowding. The busied new covers are also a failure and do not keep out rain. Surely the new Manager, whose knowledge of the Liverpool tram system must be profound, is not serious in stating the impossibility of placing a light but permanent covering on the tops of cars? The matter may not be worth prosecuting. It seems evident that the tram car has had its day—it certainly is not—at any rate for the present—to be allowed in Kowloon. The motor bus and the taxi have already proved their worth, and given the former a more pleasing appearance to the eye than that which prevails at Kowloon have probably come to stay.

Milk.

Those who grumble at the production and retailing of milk in the Colony being in the hands of one undertaking should take note of the dispute which is going on in England at the present time with regard to the distribution of milk. Reuter has not considered it worthy of mention in his cables, but from particulars gleaned from newspapers it is gathered that the dispute is a serious one. If a settlement is not brought about it will lead, if not to an entire dislocation of the milk distributing service, to a very restricted one. The trouble concerns the wholesale winter price of milk which the distributing combines want to reduce by 2d. a quart. The farmers, through the National Farmers' Union, have flatly refused to pay the increase and have made preparations in conjunction with the Co-operative and other societies for a distributing service of their own if necessity arises. Whatever the outcome the poor consumer is not in an enviable position. It is very doubtful whether much, if any, of the proposed reduction would be passed on to him. In the event of no settlement being shortly reached, he will be the chief sufferer in having to go short, or worse still, of keeping his children short of a very necessary food. Taking all things into consideration, Hongkong has little to complain of in regard to its milk supply, the only matter in which there is any grounds for grumbling at all being the disparity between the price at which the milk is to be bought at the Farm and that which has to be paid for it in the restaurant.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 25.—Coronet Theatre; "Tess of the Storm Country."
October 25.—Star Theatre; "Sporting Youth."
October 25.—World Theatre; "The Man of Her Dreams."
October 25.—Queen's Theatre; "Woman to Woman."

October 25.—H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. Children's Fête.
October 28.—Theatre Royal, Italian Grand Opera Company presents "Trovatore."
October 30.—First Musical of the season at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
October 31.—Grand Recital at the City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

November 8.—Sixth extra-race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

DANCE.
October 25.—Dance at the Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

PHOTO AUCTION.
October 30.—Lunnery Bros., at Sales Room, a collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

November 8.—General meeting of members of the Hongkong and China Camphor Refining Co., Ltd., at the offices of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Lower Albert Road, noon.

GENERAL STRIKE.

MORE DEMANDS FROM MERCHANTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKEI, KONGMOON, Oct. 24.

To-day's vernacular paper states that the Canton Government has rescinded the order for the imposition of a \$100 fine on each member of the Merchants Volunteer Corps. This is counteracted by the fact that General Leung Hung-kai, the military cock of the walk in this place, has demanded \$20,000 from the local Chamber of Commerce as cashmaw. He calls it a donation for winter uniforms for his men.

Another general, Wong Ming-tong is uneasy because Leung, the big man, is reported to cast covetous eyes on the arms possessed by his troops. Wong is therefore leading his men back to Canton.

For two nights the trains on the Sunning Railway have been running. This was due to military movements and many craft have been commandeered for the soldiers' transport.

All merchants who were previously connected with the Volunteer Corps in any capacity are conspicuous by their absence, having gone to Hongkong or Macao to tide over the crisis.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Telegraphic communication with Peking is restored.

A cable from St. John's states that the Newfoundland Government has decided to participate in the Empire Exhibition next year.

Chan Foo, of junk No. 3349, had one foot almost severed by a wire rope, and was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

Until further notice except with the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon no dog shall be removed from or landed on the Island of Hongkong.

Two lifeboats picked up, between Hongkong and Chuen-chau, by the coxswain of the steam launch "Kung Yick" were handed over to the Water Police yesterday.

A small fire was caused by the setting alight of tea leaves at 189, Queen's Road West at 6 o'clock this morning. It was put out by the Fire Brigade; little damage was done.

A verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned at a Coroner's inquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, into the death of an elderly Chinese in the New Territories on October 12, when he was run down by a motor-car driven by Mr. R. E. Atwell of the A. P. C.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Colonial Auxiliary Long Service Medal has been awarded by His Excellency the Governor to Lieutenant J. B. Ross, of the British Company, H. K. V. D. Corps.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Washington Sellers, of No. 11 Mountain View, the Peak, to Miss Isabel White Hamilton, en route from England per the s.s. "Macedonia."

The French Cabinet has appointed the following Ambassadors: M. de Fleury to London; M. Peretti Della Rocca to Madrid; M. Bernard to Rome; and M. De Chenev to Washington. M. De Marilly has been appointed Minister to The Hague.

There is nothing so good for muscular rheumatism, sprains, lameness of the muscles, bruises and like injuries as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application gives relief. For sale every-where.

WELSH NOTES.

OUR PRESIDENT'S HOME.

[By Ap Rhys.]

I had an interesting conversation at the end of last week with the President of the St. David's Society, Mr. Owen Hughes, the talk centering chiefly round his native place—Pontrefoelas, North Wales. If I had not already prepared them I should have devoted my last week's notes to a description of this interesting little village, the objects of historical interest which are near it and its musical and literary associations.

This "village of the green hill," the adjoining land of which was ceded to the monks of Conway in the time of Llewelyn the Great, and which boasts possession of the famous "Levelinus" Stone about which conjectures have been made by learned men from the sixteenth century downwards, consists of a matter of two dozen houses and yet it has an annual Eisteddfod attended by thousands of people at which some of the finest singers and literary men of North Wales compete and some of the shining lights of the musical world adjudicate.

To the man who has not lived in Wales it must be a wonderful—almost an accountable—thing that such an event could have assumed such proportions in the comparatively short space of four years (it was in June, 1920, that the first Eisteddfod was held) but the man who knows anything at all about Wales and the Welsh, without wishing in any way to detract from the meritorious achievement of those responsible for its organisation, would claim with reason that it is not so wonderful when one considers that music and literature are the chief life interests of the Welsh villager; and that to give expression to them he will venture far.

At any rate here at this beautiful little spot, where the first seeds of the independent church were set through the teachings of Hywel Harris, has been held the fourth Eisteddfod, the programme of which was given me by Mr. Owen Hughes. Curiously enough I was turning the pages of a Welsh paper shortly after my conversation with him when my eyes were arrested by the name of the village in type; and I found that quite a lot of space had been devoted to the Eisteddfod which had then just concluded. The receipts were said to have been £1,800, with a surplus amounting to £800. Well might it be described as a remarkable achievement for a one-day festival in a small village.

There were, according to this report, nine choirs in the chief choir, six choirs in the male voice, six children's choirs, and three ladies' choirs, apart from solos and recitations.

A story told by Dr. Bantock (Birmingham) in one of his adjudications at the Eisteddfod is also given.

He prefaced his remarks by saying that he had never come across a people with such an appetite for music as the Welsh. "When at Vancouver last year" (he went on) "I was one of the adjudicators at an eisteddfod at which a choir from Seattle was awarded, and deserved, the first prize. Of course, we were very sorry to have to give the prize to a choir of Yanks, but there it was. Duty was duty, and that choir deserved the prize, and we gave it to them. But I had a chat with the conductor of that choir a little later, and asked him his name, and he said it was 'Morgan.' I then asked him if he was a Welshman. He said he was. I then asked him if he had any Welshmen in his choir, and he said they were all Welsh."

To conclude, Dr. Bantock said: "In England, of course, we have bad singing, and we enjoy it; in Scotland they have indifferent singing and they enjoy it; but in Wales you enjoy all singing—good, bad, and indifferent." And the audience roared again.

SPORT GROUNDS.

ANNUAL ALLOTMENTS MADE.

All the recreation grounds at Wongachong (Happy Valley), King's Park, Queen's Ground (Causeway Bay), and Sookumgo (Mackinnon) have been allotted for another year.

Details are given in to-day's "Gazette" concerning regulations made by the Governor-in-Council for the maintenance of good order and for the preservation and better enjoyment of the various Recreation Grounds.

SHIPS AT SEA.

STRONG NORTHERN MONSOON.

TRYING ORDEALS.

While Hongkong has enjoyed almost ideal weather, ships coming here from the South have been experiencing a rather severe typhoon. Several ships merely report "heavy weather," or "strong monsoon," or "heavy seas," but two give more details.

Captain G. Simpson Jones of the "Talma," who left Calcutta on October 5, and Singapore on October 18, was due to arrive here on Thursday, but did not get in till 7 a.m. this morning. In his report to the Harbour Office, the skipper says, "Rough sea and heavy northerly swell. Vessel pitching and labouring heavily and shipping water fore and aft; continuous heavy rain."

Twice Hove To.
The Portuguese steamer "Kwan Kong," (Captain R. J. Nogueira) gives more details. She put out from Kwong Chow Wan with a cargo and considerable livestock on October 20. Starting off with strong North wind, and very heavy sea, the Captain gives the following details.

October 20—At 1.15 p.m. left Fort Bayard. At 4.20 p.m., or about 8 miles off Nao Chao Black Buoy, returned to Nao Chao Bay and anchored on account of a strong North wind (Beaufort scale 5 to 7) and very rough seas.

October 21—Anchored at same place, weather same as yesterday. October 22—At 10.45 a.m. weighed anchor and left again. At 6.30 p.m. the wind became strong and sea rough. At 10.45 p.m. forced to enter Hui-lin-san harbour and anchor (strong North wind and very rough).

October 23—In same place, "weather more rough."

October 24—At 7.10 a.m. weighed anchor and proceeded.

October 25—At 3.55 a.m. anchored at Yumai. "Nothing serious, ship in good condition."

RIVER PIRATES.

PORTUGUESE VESSEL SINKS NEAR CUSTOMS.

"FAT INTO FIRE."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkei, Kongmoon, Oct. 24. Recently captured by pirates, the "Cintra," a vessel flying the Portuguese flag, has been released. She returned to this port and a rumour got round to the effect that she would be commandeered by the local Chinese military authorities.

Her crew, so it is alleged, in order to avoid "requisitioning," preferred to sink the vessel which now lies on the river bed close to the wharf belonging to the Customs station.

One Hundred Captives.

On returning to Hoksan (Opposite Kowloon, which is a little further up than Kongmoon), the sailing junk which travels regularly on week-days, transferring passengers and cargo from Hongkong steamers arriving at Kowloon, has been pirated. This tender for Hongkong steamers is well-known to river shipping men.

As a result of the attack over a hundred passengers are now in captivity in the pirates' den, awaiting negotiations for ransom.

FUNERAL.

MRS. N. BABBAGE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. N. Babbage, whose death occurred at the French Hospital on Thursday, took place last evening.

The burial took place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m., the service being conducted by the Rev. Father Spada, of the Rosary Church, Kowloon. A large number of personal friends were present at the graveside, among whom were Captain and Mrs. Nicol, Messrs. Williams, Beck, Alexander, Rowe, Server, and Mesdames Stapleton, Fredericks, Glendinning, and practically the entire staff of the Alexandra Café, in uniform.

The chief mourners were two nursing sisters of the French Hospital, Mrs. Babbage having no near relatives in the Colony.

Wreaths were sent by many sorrowing friends, amongst which were noticed, husband, brothers and sisters, Chinese Staff Alexandra Café, Shipbuilders' Institute, Captain and Mrs. Nicol, Mr. B. L. Frost, Mrs. B. E. Server, Mrs. Harry Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Glendinning, Mrs. T. H. McEwen, Miss A. de Souza, Mr. A. H. Rowe, Mr. Lee, and a large number of others.

"ALLEGED" FRAUD.

SOLICITORS' CLERKS IN COURT AGAIN.

STRANGE ALLIGATIONS.

The further hearing of the case in which the two solicitors' clerks (Lo Shu-fan and Charles Kent) are charged with conspiracy and fraud occupied the whole of yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy.

The evidence of Ho Sai-lok, the complainant's son, was continued, and Mr. M. K. Lo closed his examination-in-chief of this witness.

Ho Sai-lok gave details of a visit he paid to Mr. Corke's office along with Lo Shu-fan and said he a few days later met the two defendants at the Luen On boarding house, when he was told that they had found a way out of the difficulty as regards the engagement of a barrister. On August 31 witness met Lo and was introduced to Liu, who said he was an interpreter to Mr. Brewer. It was then arranged to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Brewer. Witness was advised by Mr. Brewer that it was not necessary for his mother to be present in court if she was asked to produce the title deeds. Witness was further told that the case could be kept out of the papers. Mr. Brewer was paid \$200 for his services. Later Mr. Brewer told witness that he could not act in the matter. The fee paid him was not returned. Later Liu asked witness for \$500 to keep the case out of the press. The money was paid to the interpreter, and on Mr. Brewer being informed of the payment, he remarked that it should not cost so much. After this conversation, the \$500 was returned to witness by Liu.

At this stage Mr. Davidson objected to the details of witness' conversation with Mr. Brewer being put in as evidence as Mr. Brewer himself might not be called as a witness. Asked by His Worship whether witness considered that a thing like that could be kept out of the papers, witness replied that it was his intention to see Mr. Brewer again and make a clean breast of it. Later witness met Lo at a boarding house when he was advised to run away. He went to Macao accompanied by Chan So, a man from the boarding house. Witness was informed before his departure that Chan So was illiterate, but at Macao he had caught him several times, in the act of writing letters. Witness stayed in Macao for three or four days, and then went to Canton. On his return to Hongkong, his father had returned from Europe and he told him everything. The case will be continued on the 3rd prox.

(The suggestion that members of the Hongkong Press can be bribed to suppress the report of a case, is a deliberate insult and cannot be allowed to pass unrebuted. As far as the "China Mail" is concerned—and we have no doubt the same holds good for our contemporaries—any reporter proved guilty of suppressing a report showing the lines suggested in the evidence given yesterday, would render himself liable to instant dismissal.)

ANTI PIRACY WORK.

TWO PATROL VESSELS WANTED.

To-day's "Gazette" contains the following:

"It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for construction of two Steel Twin Screw Patrol Vessels for Hongkong Government," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of Monday, December 10, 1924.

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U.S. IMMIGRATION.

QUOTA FOR VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

In to-day's "Government Gazette," there is published a despatch from the Secretary of State giving in full particulars regarding immigration into the United States. Germany held the biggest quota, 51,227. Great Britain and North Ireland is second with 34,007 and the Irish Free State third with 28,867. China gets only 100, as does Andorra, Ethiopia, and 27 other countries.

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(Human Desires) and one or two
others.
Mr. Cecil Hepworth, who is
among those who have recently
gone out of film production (after
making a closing hit with 'Comin'
Through the Rye'), prophesies that
the best films of the future
will come from Germany, not from
America.
"I have just come back from
Germany," he said, "and am more
convinced than ever that the
German films are going to be
the best in the world, if they are
not that already. Germany has got
what America hasn't—an artistic
tradition. It also has a Govern-
ment and a banking system that
realise the importance of the
cinema as a means of national
expression and international in-
fluence."
"As for this country, it has
simply been squeezed out."
Mr. Frank Tilley, editor of the
"Kinematograph Weekly," gave
it as his opinion that the only hope
for British producers is to con-
centrate on a small number of
high-class pictures aiming at the
world market.
"We can't hope to compete
successfully with America in the
cheaper stuff," he said. "The
American producer can get all his
money back, and a bit over, in his
own country, and then sell for
next to nothing to the rest of the
world. The result is that over 85
per cent. of pictures shown here,
and over 80 per cent. shown
throughout the world, are American."
"In meeting this competition,
our British producing firms have
shown themselves insular and in-
efficient. They have concentrated
on making pictures for the home
market, and as the home market
is small they have starved their
producers."
"Mismanagement on a colossal
scale has been common. One
firm lost a quarter of a million
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

BANDOENG FAIR.

The "China Mail," under yesterday's date, received the following letter from Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands:

I beg to inform you that the 6th Netherland Indian Annual Fair at Bandoeng (Java) will be held from the 20th of June till the 5th of July 1923 inclusive; the Fair will be open to merchandise of all kinds and descriptions.

I may be allowed to further call your attention to the Electricity Exhibition which will be attached to the Fair. It is being organized in co-operation with the Government Service for Waterpower and Electricity at Bandoeng.

Conversations as to the utility and the chances of success of this Exhibition have taken place between competent representatives of works for electrical plant, etc., and large concerns in Java which supply electrical current, which conversations led to the expression of the opinion that such a show would certainly have a most beneficial influence on the supply of electrical current. A committee of experts was subsequently formed as advisers to the Committee of the Fair in respect of all matters appertaining to the Electricity exhibition.

In connection with the above I may be allowed to reiterate that Netherland India is far behind the leading countries of Western Europe and the United States of America in the application of electricity. However, it cannot be denied that these Netherland Colonies offer great possibilities for the development of electricity on account of their many natural resources (waterfalls, mountain lakes and fast running rivers). The exploitation of these natural resources which was started some years ago, makes supply of cheap electricity current possible for ordinary household use, industry and agriculture and more intense working thereof may open undreamt of prospects for Netherland India.

I may add further that the Exhibition will comprise everything bearing on the subject in the widest sense; e.g. radio-telegraphy and radio-telephony also fall within the sphere of the show.

Space can be leased in the Main Building, the Iron Building, and the Semi-Permanent Buildings, and further kiosks and open spaces can be leased.

Different rates are being charged according to hall, position and size of space; e.g. in the Main Building fl. 40.—(\$29.—) per sq. metre is charged; in the Iron Building fl. 20.—(\$14.50) per sq. metre; in the Semi-Permanent Buildings corner sample rooms of 16 sq. metre can be had at fl. 350.—(\$250.—); a sample room in the centre of the building, sized 20 sq. metre, may be had at the same rate; when sized 16 sq. metre the rate is fl. 300.—(\$214.—). The rate for kiosks are fl. 400.—(\$290.—) and over.

When 25% of the charges due are paid in advance, discounts of 20, 15 and 10% will be made when the instalment of 25% is settled on or before the last day of January, February and March next year respectively.

The Machinery Hall will be occupied by the Electricity Exhibition; the rate for space therein will be announced later.

Normal general lighting will be provided free of charge; but extra lighting will be charged for extra.

Current supply for motive power is charged for at special rates.

Exemption from import duty is allowed on goods to be exhibited, but generally the full amount of the duties will be insisted upon by the Customs at Batavia, Semarang and Sourabaya as a guarantee; on exportation the amount of the duties will be refunded. At any rate the goods shall be stored in a Government Bonded Warehouse within one month after the closing of the Fair and Electricity Exhibition, in case exemption from duty had been granted.

The Java China Japan line in Hongkong will allow special freight rebates on goods for exhibition at the Fair and Exhibition.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHANGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL SERVICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, October 26th 1922.

19th Sunday, after Trinity.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.
12 Noon Healing Service.
6 p.m. Evensong.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road, Midway between Road, Tram Station.

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Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.
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YACHT CLUB.

THE ROYAL'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

YEAR UNDER REVIEW.

One of the most successful seasons in the history of the Club, is the Acting Commodore's opinion of the activities of the Club for the past year as expressed at the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held yesterday. Success in all sections was referred to and it was left to the incoming Sailing Committee to arrange for a Macao Race for a cup promised by Mr. G. H. Potts. Reference was also made to a letter from Shanghai in which a Sailing race with the Hongkong Club was suggested. Capt. T. Arthur, Acting Commodore, presided over the meeting and in addition to a good number of members there were present the following Committee members: Commodore Grace, Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, H. S. Rouse, D. H. Blake, D. C. Logan, R. C. Moncrieff and A. Ritchie (Hon. Treas.).

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman said they all regretted the absence of Mr. D. K. Blair, the Commodore. It had been his privilege to endeavour to fill his place since he left. However, he was not without hope of seeing him in the chair on a future occasion.

Last year's officers were thanked for the work they had done and appreciation to Commodore Grace who would not be with them much longer, voiced by the Chairman for the cheerful and energetic manner in which he had associated himself with the Club.

When the meeting was opened to discussion the suggestion was brought forward by Mr. A. H. Shields that there should be a Handicapping Committee. Year after year the same difficulties arose and he suggested that a record of protests and rulings on them be kept for reference.

The matter was referred to the incoming Committee.

THE REPORT.

Following is the General Committee's report for the year:—

It is with much regret that we record the untimely deaths of two of the Club's oldest and most popular members, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. Frank Smyth, both Past-Commodores of the Club. More enthusiastic and generous members will be difficult to find and it is felt that in these gentlemen the Club has lost two members who had always its interest and welfare at heart. The Club experienced another unfortunate loss in the unexpected departure, through ill-health, of the Commodore, Mr. D. K. Blair. The Committee are, however, glad to report the satisfactory progress of Mr. Blair and sincerely hope that he may again be present to participate in the Club's activities with his usual great enthusiasm and keenness. In Mr. Blair's absence, Capt. T. Arthur has been acting as Commodore.

During the year Mr. D. L. Ralph left the Colony on home leave and the General Committee take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his valuable services as Honorary Secretary. Since Mr. Ralph's departure the vacancy has been filled by Mr. A. Ritchie.

The increasing popularity of the Club is still in evidence, 64 new members having been enrolled during the season. The membership now stands at: Lady members, 10. Members and Subscribers 353—Total 363.

It is pleasing to note that Ordinary Subscriptions have increased by \$988 and Bowling Subscriptions are \$135 more than last year, but the latter cover a period of twelve months as against six months last season.

The year's working resulted in a Profit to the Club of \$557 which, compared with \$102.78 last year, is very satisfactory. A heavy item of expenditure was incurred in repairing damage done by the typhoon on 18th August, 1922, the sum of \$686.13 being spent. Sailing entrance fees and mooring fees collected from yacht owners more than covered the cost of prizes in

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TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

K.C.C. v. C.B.C.C.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a kindly match against the Civil Service to-day at 2.15 p.m. at Happy Valley.—H. Overy, R. E. Lindsell, J. C. Fletcher, A. T. Luy, F. Goodwin, S. Jex, Geo. Lee, A. O. Brown, J. C. Long, F. Grose, W. J. Gorvin.

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a League match to-day against the University "A" at Kowloon at 2 p.m.—B. Petheram, L. A. R. Duncan, R. Barnshaw, C. Barnshaw, W. B. Haslett, A. J. Kew, R. J. Jordan, T. E. Jones, W. Hill, L. E. Lummer.

the yachting section. In connection with the Opening and Closing Cruises the usual heavy expenses for entertaining were generously refunded by the Commodore and Acting Commodore, the cost to the Club being only \$227.97 for both functions.

The Club again benefited by the great generosity of the late Mr. Frank Smyth who very kindly defrayed the cost of a new floor to the Gymnasium which has been greatly appreciated by members. Mr. G. H. Potts has been good enough to offer to defray the cost of certain sanitary improvements at the Club-house and as the plans for these are at present before the Authorities it is hoped that an early start will be made to put the installation work in hand.

SAILING COMMITTEE

The past season saw a widening of the activities of the Club by the inception of a series of Champion ship events for Ladies, an Inter-Society Race between St. Andrew's and St. George's and the inauguration of races for Ships' Life-boats for a Challenge trophy.

We were successful in withstanding an Interport Challenge from the Royal Singapore Yacht Club and won a most exciting and interesting contest by 13 points to 9 after leading by the odd point at the end of the first race. The helmsmen for Hongkong were our Vice-Commodore, Capt. T. Arthur and Mr. H. J. Pearce; Capt. Breckenburg and Mr. C. Davison represented Singapore.

The fleet has been augmented by the addition of four locally built "fours" and two "pairs". The suggestion put forward by Mr. G. Franklin with regard to the purchase of a new "tub pair" for training purpose was taken up, and such a boat has been ordered from Rough and Sons at a cost of \$50. The greater part of this has been subscribed by Rowing Members, and the boat is expected to arrive almost immediately.

Many oarsmen made the trip to Shanghai for the Interport but were not successful in bringing home the "bacon."

Through the medium of Mr. J. S. McCann, one of our late Captains, affiliation with the London R. C. has been arranged. "Royals" oarsmen proceeding on leave will find a welcome awaiting them at the Club House on the embankment at Putney.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers for the year were elected:

Commodore—Capt. T. Arthur.
Vice-Commodore—Mr. E. W. Carpenter; Rear-Commodore, Mr. A. L. Shields.

Yachting Committee—Commodore Grace, Capt. A. Davison, Messrs. H. S. Rouse, E. Cock, N. Croucher, L. Quist, P. M. Hodgson, and H. L. Adams.

Rowing Committee—Capt. Faucett, Messrs. D. C. Logan, R. L. Moncrieff, O. Eager, Forsyth, and Dr. E. P. Minnett.

Bowling Committee—Messrs. G. R. Edwards and S. T. Williamson.

Mr. A. W. Tickle was appointed Hon. Secretary and Mr. A. Ritchie Hon. Treasurer. On the proposition of Mr. D. C. Logan a vote of thanks to Mr. Ritchie, for his past services, was passed and recorded on the minutes.

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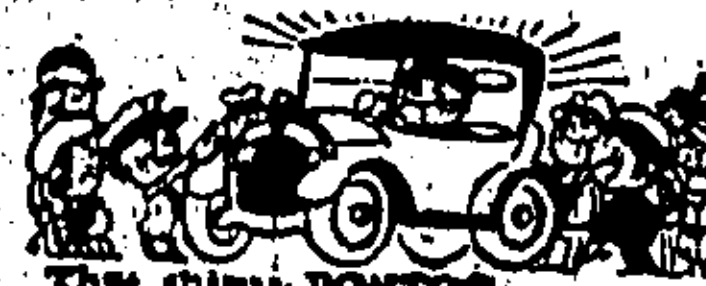
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"Lionel Barrymore and Alma Rubens come as the stars," he writes, "and I found the whole company very good. All the actors even to those playing minor roles worked with enthusiasm and Alan Crosland,

the director, is a very intelligent young man who knows his work very well. I think we have produced a magnificent piece and one which will very much please the public.

"For a whole week I abandoned my literary work to live the life of a film actor. I got up at 5 o'clock each morning and at 6 o'clock was at Monte Carlo where I stayed with the Company until night and always beside Mr. Crosland to help on with the work. I put him in touch with people who have lived more than thirty years on the Cote d'Azur and who know all the picturesque spots, even those which are most mysterious and unknown by outsiders. I also arranged matters with Miss Mary Garden that the Casino at Monte Carlo gave us permission to film scenes in the Casino and

on the terrace of the Garden. After this I talked with the Ministers who constitute the government of the Principality of Monaco and they gave me permission to make scenes of the Prince's palace where the historic cannons are, and also in the Prince's garden from which there is a magnificent panorama of the sea. It is the first time that the Government of Monaco has given any such permission.

"Altogether, I did everything that I could and I am sure that the film will be a magnificent reproduction of the Cote d'Azur."

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"TESS."

MARY PICKFORD WHEN ORIGINAL WAS FILMED.

Then And Now.

"I cannot see how Mary Pickford's own and strictly new production of that famous screen classic, 'Tess of the Storm Country,' can help being the photoplay sensation of the year. Every one of the millions who saw her in the original production made eight years ago is certain to want to see it again as produced under the marvellous advantages and improvements in present-day motion picture-making, and an entirely new generation of picture-goers has grown up since the first 'Tess of the Storm Country' was made."

"Thus spoke Edwin S. Porter, who eight years ago directed Miss Pickford in the first 'Tess of the Storm Country,' and incidentally served also as the cameraman, and who, to-day, is head of the biggest concerns manufacturing projection machines.

"Despite the fact that the 'Tess' of 1914 was a really good picture from a producing standpoint, and was considered about as nearly as a motion picture could be," said Mr. Porter, "the opportunities for Miss Pickford improving on the original are simply tremendous. The first 'Tess' was a good picture as pictures were then made, but it would never stand up under the test of present-day methods and standards.

"Miss Pickford and I made 'Tess' under conditions that were anything but ideal. In December, 1913, we left New York for California. Miss Pickford had just come from the hospital and I felt

I was just about to go into one—it was just at the time when I was organizing Famous Players, and that was a good deal of a strain.

"Arriving in California we found that out there nearly all the good screen players were tied up, so at first we made a picture called 'Hearts Adrift' which had only characters in it for the first five of the six reels. In February we decided to start work on 'Tess of the Storm Country.' We didn't have million dollar studios in those days. All we had was a raised platform, a camera, and a wonderful story and star. The only other two players I remember were Dave Hartford and Harold Lockwood. Hartford played the rôle of Tess's father, and Lockwood, the rôle of hero.

"Being from New York, we did not particularly please the picture colony out there. One of the reasons was because I took scenes nearly every day. You see, until then directors always had contended it was impossible to take a scene unless the sun was directly behind them, and it was somewhat of a shock to them to see someone else taking scenes on all kinds of days—cloudy and clear, alike. By their method, you see, they would work only about five days out of fifteen, and then go out and cover the camera with a piece of dirty muslin to get cloud effects.

"We had no artificial lights at all in the days of the first 'Tess.' If we wanted a spot or a back-light we'd use a mirror with the sun. This is one phase of picture making where the new 'Tess' should show a tremendous improvement. We had only about three interiors, but when these were shown on the screen in the finished picture they produced a huge sensation. Imagine making interiors that way to-day—and without dozens of sunlight rays to help out!

"There was a little fishing village down the coast inhabited by Russian and Japanese fishermen which we used for the setting of the story. It really was quite ideal for this story, but of course the one Miss Pickford constructed for her new 'Tess' was a vast improvement. I couldn't find a suitable lake anywhere, so we used the Pacific Ocean for the water scenes.

"The first 'Tess' we finished in four weeks, and it cost—between \$13,000 and \$14,000. I made it originally for six reels, but received word from New York that it had to be cut down to five, on the then generally accepted theory that nobody would sit through a picture

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"The time came when Blackie put all this knowledge to good use. The story shows how Blackie (Lionel Barrymore) 'comes back'—not to aid his old fellow-crooks but to help the Grand Duchess Tatiana of Russia, who has been pursued from the land of Bolsheviks by a gang of thieves and murderers, hunting the crown jewels. Seena Owen has the leading feminine rôle.

"Miss Pickford made her own version of 'Tess' under about as ideal conditions as can be imagined. She knew exactly what she wanted, and what was even more important, could get it, without being hampered by anybody.

"And all phases of motion picture making have advanced so much since then! Lighting, direction, sets, continuity, acting—it all has been revolutionized! However, I personally don't see how Miss Pickford is going to improve on her interpretation of the rôle. To me, she was just about perfect as the wonderful child, Tess.

"In no spirit of boasting I must say that I believe that picture did as much for Mary Pickford as anything else. More people saw 'Tess' at that time than ever saw any other picture. They would go and see it over and over again, and I cannot see how this new version can help being the photoplay sensation of the year. Everyone who saw it before certainly will want to see it again, and an entirely new generation of picture-goers has grown up since then who will want to see this new 'Tess.' I certainly wish every success possible to Mary Pickford and 'Tess.'"

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It is confidently predicted by most of the best versed critics that this 1924 model of "Tess of the Storm Country" is going to be a popular attraction for decades to come and that future generations are sure to cherish the memory of this great artist through her sterling historical work in this one production.

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The lamented death of Joseph Conrad is called to mind by this facsimile of part of his manuscript of "The Rover."

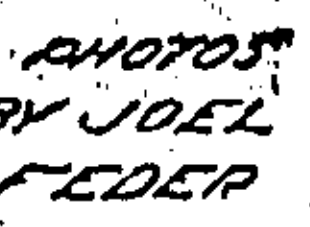
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In his study of "Napoleon and His Court," which Mr. C. S.

Forester has written, and Messrs. Methuen have nearly ready, a number of new facts are brought to light, and the illustrations, for the greater part, are reproduced for the first time.

WORLD THEATRE

BY BARBARA WINSLOW



THE FASHION
OF THE SMART
COATEE
REMAINS

**THE TAILORED TYPE
OF PRACTICAL
SPORTS COAT**

Owe Much To Smart Trimming Treatments.

that there is really little change in the fundamental lines, although trimming details give an appearance of difference. The scarf, the cape, tier, flounced, pleated, insert and models may alter the general effect, but after all, as said, and

The use of fancy braid and buttons and trimmings for the short coat is emphasized, the former appearing on the

THAT blouses are growing longer, and divide their loyalty between the Russian (tunic), the Chinese tunic and the smockee peasant blouse? They have a collar, a broderieus, platings, fringed pearls, monogram and motto motifs.

rule, that is, to make a distinction between
 the healthy, or keep to black and white.
 If you make any study at all of this rule,
 you will find it once come to the conclusion
 that black and white are destined to be the
 logical leaders of the nations for a long
 time to come in the races in colour, which
 are white, the black, the brown, the
 mixed, and the yellow. The white would
 have the most, the black the least, the
 mixed, and the yellow the least, the
 match, every of them, all of the nations
 have become more decided in they have
 increased in price. The situation of
 the world, with the terms of black
 history to be that of the nations of the world
 would be welcomed.

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Condition That Will Be Narrow
Winners Is Effective
As Tough Application Of Controlling
Lords Were Not Enough, Public
Shows The 114th Cavalry**

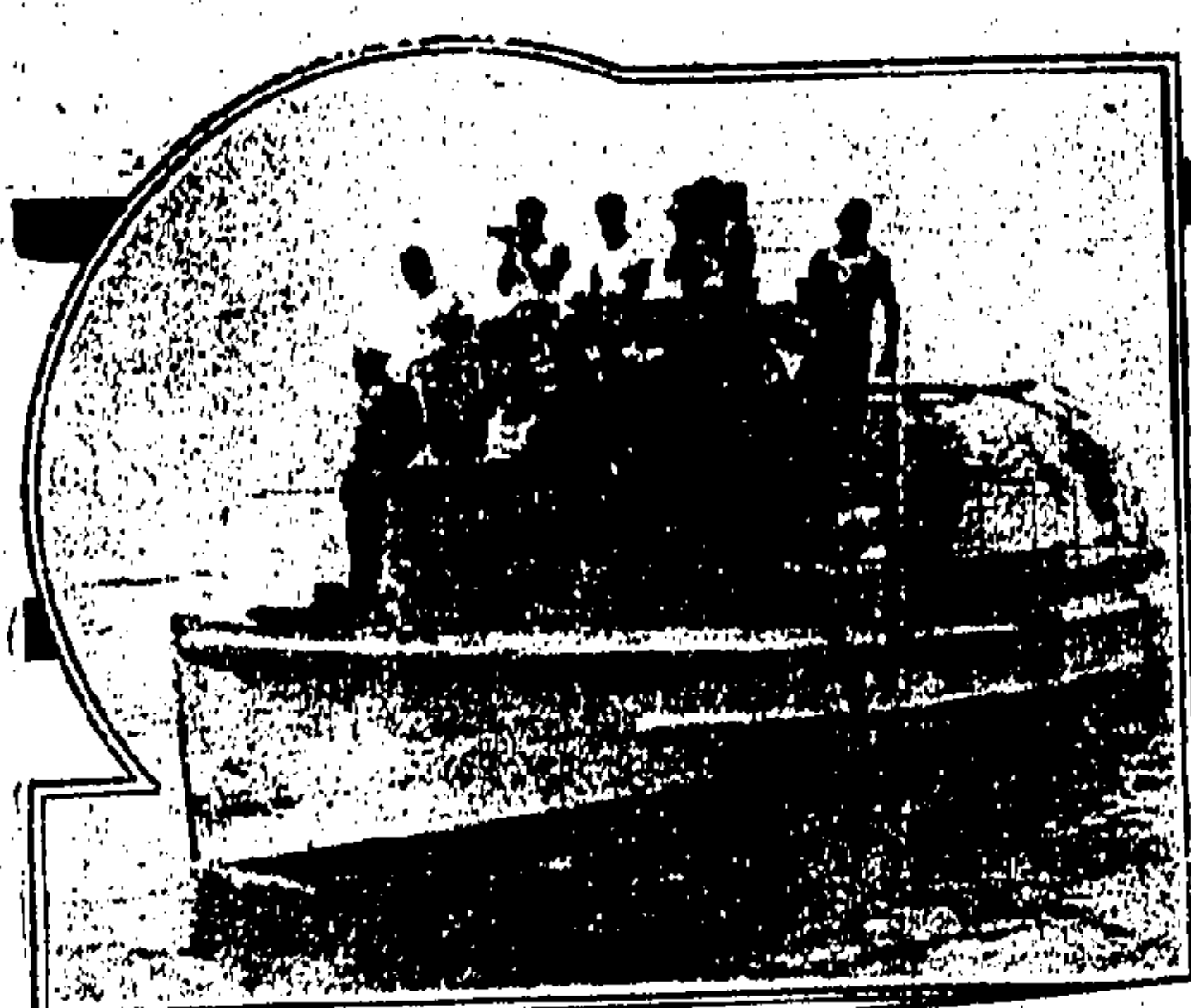
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WHITE OR RED.

With a brock of black or navy one
by empty blue combinations by means
of detachable cuffs, and collars; detach
the buttons, ties, and girths, ornaments,
which takes leather, trimmings, vandyke
ornaments; vandyke applique or linings of
flaming red. Hair; blowes handbags,
cuddlerolls, and scarfs, and costumes
which strike the prevailing colour note,
it is quite possible to work out
different different schemes that may
be worn with more than one brock. The red
of which is the favourite, the red
of the robe and the red of the vandyke
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The DETECTIVES OF THE DEEP



TAKING A CHART, LAUNCH FROM THE SURVEYING SHIP SOUNDING THE DEPTH OF WATER IN A HARBOUR.

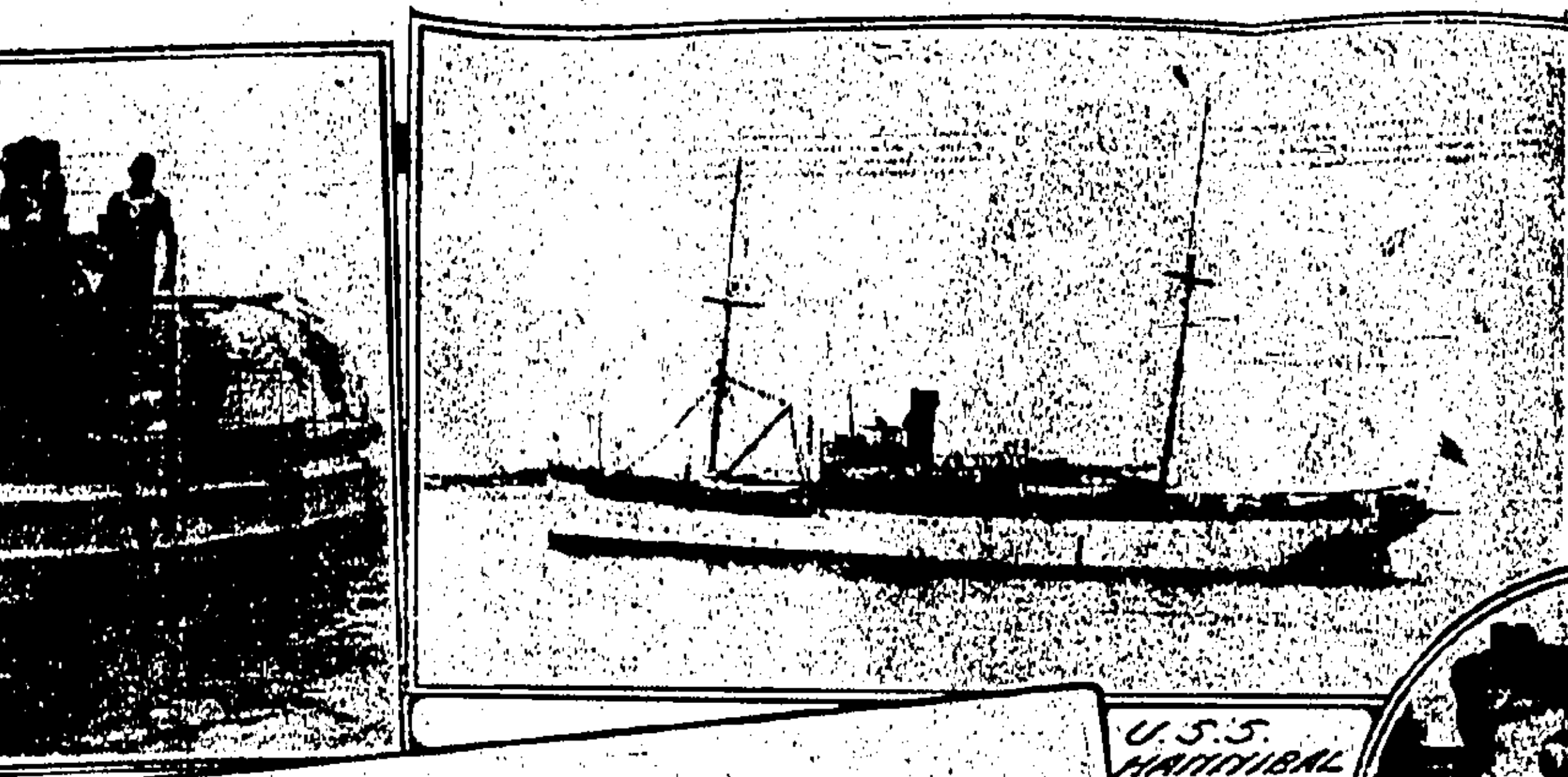
Hydrographic Office Charts the Seas for Mariners—Floating Wrecks Located and Sunk—Widespread Work On the Oceans.

(By Norman C. McLOUD.)

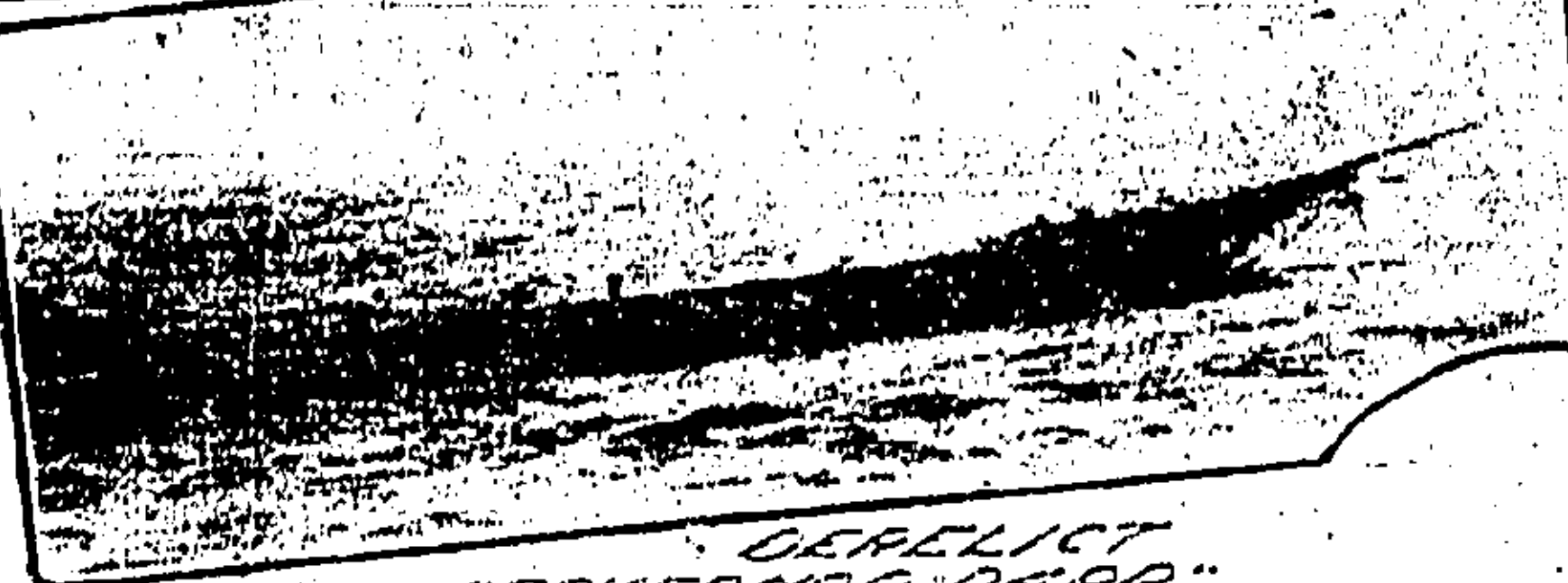
The first hydrographic station recorded in history was a floating one, managed by a Mr. Noah. Since he was without the modern scientific devices for gathering needed information concerning the waters, this pioneer had to use a little dove as a scout. When it returned bearing a sprig of leaves in its beak, he concluded that the flood must be receding, and when it returned not at all, he inferred that it had found a place for the sole of its foot.

So, he had more guess work on his mind than the present chief hydrographer, Captain Frederick Bassett, with his scientific outfit. And, besides, Noah was six hundred years old at the time of the flood and had a good deal of worry on his mind for an old man—hence this tribute to his memory. Judging from Captain Bassett's photo, they don't keep such old people in the Hydrographic Service any. He looks youthful with his piercing eye, and modish suit.

What an outfit and army he does keep on hand for guiding our modern "Arks." The Hydrographic Office of today has navigation charts, in the



U.S.S. HANNIBAL



DERELICT "GOVERNOR PARR"

mation tables, mine warnings, pilot charts, daily newspapers and weekly bulletins and also radio stations. All this information has to go forth in many languages, for the sea needs an international interpreter. When an American ship starts forth from Chesapeake Bay or the Golden Gate or Tampa Bay she goes to deal with other nations, through the watery highways and byways.

Data For Marines.

Before she starts her, captain has visited the Hydrographic Office, or station of that particular locality, to check up on, not only the daily, but the hourly data of all changes that may have taken place in an ever-changing medium. They are dealing with an elusive, slippery, shifting element. This element washes over, not solid earth, but the hidden fires that rage beneath. It makes one feel seamy-like to think of all that goes on down below. Islands come popping up suddenly to change the map, with others disappearing just as suddenly. And the latter do not always stay sunk—these goblin islands are liable to hunch up anywhere to scrape holes in the bottom of a ship, if the detectives of the sea "don't watch out." This is part of what the hydrographic service has on its hands.

And there are the icebergs, and also

the derelicts. Navigators need an ice patrol to warn them of the masses of ice destruction bearing down upon them in order that the threatened ship may switch off upon an extra southerly track. The derelicts, those lost and lonely wrecks, are another menace demanding the police work of the sea. One photograph shows the derelict, Governor Parr, drifting in the North Atlantic. There is something pathetic about these abandoned ships, the deserted decks once astir with human life, footsteps and voices, now silent and drifting. Their whereabouts are advertised day by day, but for those warnings, a good ship loaded with human life and valuable cargo might be rammed by the floating, useless hulk of a derelict.

Full Information Afforded.

Thus the chart of the good ship must watch his chart and plot his position every day at noon. His chart shows the average proportion of gales and calms, the tracks of hurricanes, the fog areas—all the floating dangers and also the location of warning radio stations. The Hydrographic Office issues not only a "Daily Memorandum" but a "Weekly Bulletin," and also a "Weekly Notice to Mariners" for checking up on this shifting element.

The Naval Radio Station at Arlington,

Va., is the largest news gathering station in the world, and its significance inspires awe. From those thin towers voices warn of danger and carried by invisible currents reach listening ears of mariners all over the world.

The photograph showing the radio and sonic depth finder equipment of the U.S.S. "Hannibal" looks fearful and wonderful to the lay pupil. No wonder the poor fellow harnessed up there dispenses with all superfluous garments. But the other boys out on deck sounding the depth of water in the harbour are more fortunate in their environment of sea and breeze and sky.

Aerial Photographs Made.

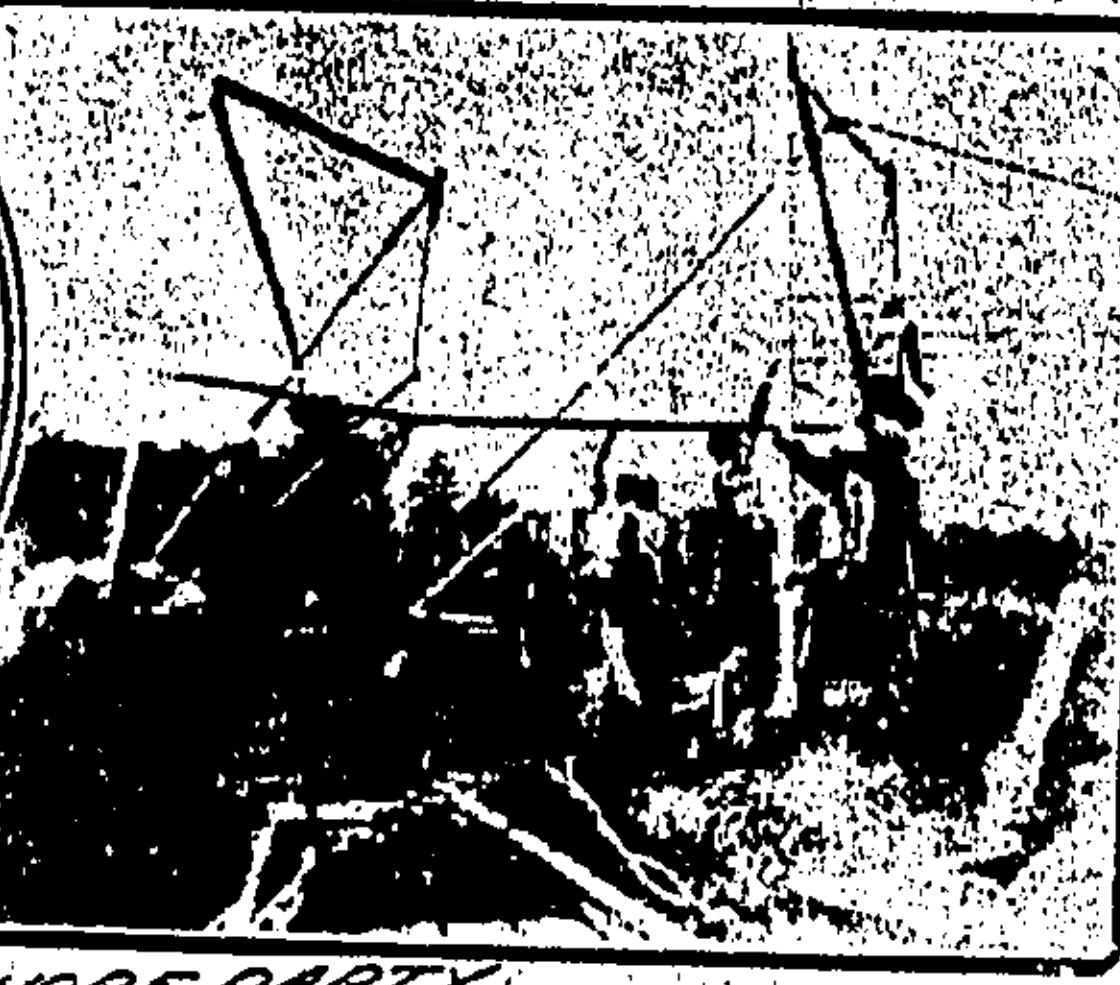
This ship is now at work surveying the south coast of Cuba. Its equipment is complete, and the ship is accompanied by two barges for use of detached parties, two motor vessels and a number of steam launches. It is also assisted by aeroplane carriers for making aerial photographs of the area surveyed, a speedy and economical method for delineating land features. This survey of coasts and harbours is, of course, a necessary part of hydrographic work. For over a hundred years the office has been making surveys of the high seas and of foreign coasts. In another picture we see a short party erecting one of the thin towers down in



ICEBERGS AND A LIFELINE FORMATION



RADIO AND SONIC DEPTH FINDER ON HANNIBAL



SHORE PARTY HANNIBAL PROCEEDING TOWARD TOWER FOR SURVEY, CUBA

Cuba, a strange contrast to the heavy, medieval towers of forts on Cuban shores erected for defence before the advent of the machine gun.

Methods Sometimes Primitive.

With all this apparatus and system, primitive methods are occasionally used, as when Captain Beeching of the ship, "Nestor," fixed his position by means of a mere bottle. Writing the position of the ship on a slip of paper, he corked the bottle and threw it overboard; and twelve months later, 8,000 miles away, it was picked up at Lagos, Island of Pico, Azores. The finder of such a bottle sees within it a request printed in seven languages, that it be mailed to the Hydrographic office, and thus the wanderings of a bottle adds to our knowledge of ocean currents through a primitive and erratic news service.

Aeroplane photography is also pressed into this detective service. From a high

altitude photography shows up clearly another shifty menace; as when shoals appear where never were shoals before, as the changing ocean lifts, with corresponding loss of water depth. These, and also deep water channels, are detected most readily in aerial photographs.

Seasonal fluctuations of the water depth in a harbour form another element of uncertainty. A captain bound for a certain port frequently has to ascertain beforehand whether the harbour can afford hospitality for his ship.

The master of a vessel steers safely through the changeable medium by a system reduced almost to exact science. These maritime journeys follow tracks as surely as the land journey by rail. Even the buffalo trails of the old west led not more definitely by the surest way toward a goal.

The modern traveller, reclining in his deck chair, realizes little of the vigil kept

casualty on deck, below deck, and between decks, hour by hour, and minute by minute to render his journey reasonably safe.



HUMAN LETTER.

The correspondence files of the Hydrographic office show up the human side of an international service, for a sailor is first a sailor the world over. Perhaps with what we term the "solid earth" beneath our feet, we feel more self-sufficient than on the rolling waves. The correspondence comes from mariners of all nationalities, from consuls, from scientific organizations, and naval officers. An interesting feature of this correspondence concerns the earthquake in Japan, when the Hydrographic Office there was totally destroyed. The Washington Office at once sent copies of all charts and books published, to supply the urgent need.

Children write for help in their geography lessons to "Dear Captain Bassett," wanting to know all about ocean currents, and maps, and soundings and "how to use all the water waves," and various childish queries. These letters are answered, and unused pilot charts are kept for distribution to schools.

The "American Practical Navigator," the epitome of navigation and nautical astronomy, is the sailor's guide wherein he studies sea and sky, and the much revised book, was first published one hundred years ago, and is kept up to date.

Another hundred-year inheritance is the work of Lieut. Matthew Fontaine Maury, a naval officer, who a century ago began a study of the science of the sea. It was he who invented the system of charts which set forth those ocean tracks or pathways.

Thus the Master Mind of the Ship is set on guard against the treachery of the sea, the shifting of the land with its fires below, the illusions of the fog, and the wind, their blowth, where it licks.

BIGGEST BUGS IN THE WORLD



HERCULES BEETLE—TROOP OF AMERICAN HORNSHORN AND FEMALE

AN ELEPHANT BEETLE—THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BUG



A GIANT SCORPION

TROPICAL BIRD-CATCHING SPIDER

The Hercules Beetle of the American Tropics—The Monster Elephant Bug Weighs Nearly Half a Pound—Centipedes a Foot Long—Spiders the Size of a Plate.

(By RENE BACHE.)

The biggest of all bugs is found in Venezuela. It is known as the elephant beetle, and weighs nearly half a pound. When, as occasionally happens, this monstrous insect in full flight happens to hit a man in the head, he is knocked down before he can realize what has occurred.

Important people used commonly to be spoken of as "big bugs." It was a tribute to the conspicuous part which insects play in nature. After all, one might imagine that the world was crowded chiefly for the benefit of insects, inasmuch as they dominate the earth, all other animals being only a numerical few, relatively speaking.

Another giant bug native to Cuba and the tropics of America is the Hercules beetle, which attains a length of eight inches. It is a monster pinch bug; the male being provided with huge, horn-like mandibles, while the female has no horns, and, while much smaller than the male, is so different from him

in appearance that nobody not an entomologist would suspect her to be of the same breed. In the hot latitudes of America is found yet another beetle which, though its body is much smaller, has an arm-reach of a foot. It lives in the forests, and is beautifully coloured, red and yellow. So strong is this creature that, if caught, it must be handled very cautiously, for its claws will penetrate through the man's coat and under clothing and tear his skin.

Goliath Of The Bugs.

The biggest beetle of the Old World is the Goliath, which is native to Equatorial Africa, and was first made known to Europeans in 1822. It is the basis of the Congo. It is a dark velvet brown, with whitish stripes, and lives in palm trees. The negroes of that region regard its grubs as a great delicacy, and dig them out of the tree-bark, devour them greedily raw.

In a way, beetles are the most remarkable

of insects. Some of them have a truly amazing power when they are alive. They seem to have been in no way different from modern beetles of corresponding species. Indeed, insect life has not changed much, apparently, with the passing of the ages. Bugs are enormously plentiful on the earth.

A. Marvelous Metamorphosis. The transformations undergone by beetles are so wonderful that even the naturalists cannot understand them, and do not pretend to be able to explain them. First, of course, is the egg. It is a tiny, round, white, which after awhile, enters the "pupa" stage. The pupa case might be likened to a coffin, in which the creature undergoes a temporary death. But what happens is much more extraordinary. The pupa case is destroyed, and a very different creature is born. To small boys it is a wonder that the beetle grub is so different from the beetle, and is wholly beyond our comprehension.

While the grub is occupying the pupa case, seemingly lifeless and without power of movement, all of its inside works (a rather complex arrangement of organs for digestion, breathing, locomotion, etc.) literally dissolve into a formless jelly-like substance; and out of this jelly is presently developed an entirely new and different set of organs, suitable for another mode of existence, with legs for walking and wings for flying—both legs and wings requiring elaborate sets of muscles for their control.

A whole book might be written about the transformation of a beetle-grub into a full-fledged beetle; but no matter how fully descriptive it might be, it could make no attempt at explanation of the marvel. One might say, however, that the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a moth or a butterfly is equally wonderful. In nature, the insect world seems to offer more insoluble mysteries than present themselves anywhere else to the inquisitive and speculative mind of man.

If you would look for giant caterpillars, consider the common tobacco worm. Not many of these big green tobacco worms are required to weigh a pound. Their mother is a great moth that flies at twilight, sipping nectar from flowers, and looking as if it were a harmless bird as it beats its wings. The caterpillar, which is a particularly fond of the sweet juice of the jimson-weed blossom, and so the tobacco farmers plant jimson-weed among their tobacco, and put a little arsenic in each flower. By this ingenious means, great numbers of tobacco worms are killed.

The Giant Of Caterpillars. By all odds the biggest of our American caterpillars is the "hooley worm," known to small boys as the hairy-bodied devil. It is six inches in length, and is the larva of a large moth. For small boys it is a wonderful creature, being found among the leaves of the tobacco plant, though it is common to the leaves of the cotton plant.

leaves so well that only now and then does it attract the observation of the youthful climber. When a specimen is so unfortunate as to be captured, it is considered a prize. The largest moth is the well-known Atlas silk moth, a truly magnificent insect, with a wing-spread of nearly a foot. Its caterpillar spins, for a cocoon, silk that is better in quality and stronger than that of the domesticated silk worm, but, alas! it cannot be reeled. The Department of Agriculture devoted some years of experimentation to the problem, but no practical method was found.

The biggest known butterfly is native to the Malay Archipelago, and has a wing-spread of ten inches. In that part of the world and in India are also found the giant "walking sticks," which look like twigs of trees. Some of them are a foot and a half long. Walking sticks, which are related to grasshoppers and katydids, are plentiful in our own country, though

we have no very large ones. They live in trees, and are much more numerous than is commonly supposed, their limitation of being so perfect that one may look directly at a specimen, close at hand, without recognizing it as an insect.

It is in the tropics that insect life attains a really overwhelming development, and thus it is not surprising to find that most of the giant bugs are native to hot latitudes. We have in this country plenty of spiders, but we never see a "tarantula" save once in a while, when one of these monsters happens by an accident to be shipped north in a bunch of bananas.

Horrible But Harmless.

The tarantula—a name applied to several species of huge trapdoor spiders—is sometimes large enough to cover a big dinnerplate with the spread of its long legs. One tarantula native to Brazil is said to make small birds its prey. Another, it is alleged, catches fish. But these great spiders, for all their horrible appearance, are harmless to man.

The tarantulas do not spin webs. They are big enough and strong enough to capture prey without using traps. Their nests usually are holes in banks of earth, lined with clay, the entrance being closed with a door so operated by a silken spring as to shut automatically with a snap, showing no signs of an opening.

Tarantulas are not insects; nor does that name properly apply to any spiders, which are arachnids. But in the popular mind they are classed with the insect tribes, as are also centipedes and scorpions, with equal incorrectness. Luckily for ourselves, scorpions and centipedes are not plentiful in temperate latitudes; it is in warm countries that they attain large size and are numerous and dangerous.

There is an Equatorial African centipede that attains a length of twelve inches, and scorpions eight inches long, with powerful crab-like claws, are found in Central and southern South America. The centipede's venom is contained in a gland at the base of its paw; that of the scorpion is in a gland near the end of the tail, which terminating in a horny point of exceeding sharpness, is snapped forward over the head to inflict a wound.

WHAT IS MAJ OLICA WARE?

The dictionary tells us that it is a "kind of pottery with opaque glazing and shaggy decoration," and it said dictionary is so pleased it will go into further detail, explaining that the whitish glass covering the earthenware has, in as a component part, and after the "painted" decoration is applied to it, the ware is fired. Not a very attractive or appealing description of what is really a really lovely, though comparatively simple peasant pottery, generally known as Majolica, or "Majolica" (which is a name of the Italian city that first produced it, as Faenza or Urbino).

mark, Hungary and the comparatively new little Czechoslovakia, but the art of it is a legacy from the middle ages. It is a sort of fired and some of it is lustrous. The body colour ranges from cream to deep yellow or gray to brown, and the colours used in its decoration are most elementary—the bright reds, brilliant blues, and strong yellows that are sometimes startling in their intensity. The decorative motifs are varied, ranging from crude designs that resemble the work of our own American Indians (the Quimper with blue peasant figures against a yellow background. Other (more conventional) figures—flowers, birds, and even a small figure of a man in a red coat and a blue hat, are seen on some of the ware.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE CLUB SWEEP.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have read with much interest the letter of Mr. Fung Man-sui, the Hon. Secretary of the Chinese Club, written in reply to my letter of the 16th instant.

The only object of Mr. Fung Man-sui's letter is to attempt to justify the conduct of the Club in refusing to pay to the person who has now been proved by a Court of Law to have been the holder of the winning ticket the value of the first prize.

He founded his arguments on the fact that there is no legal or moral liability on the Club to pay. That there is no legal liability I admit; but there has been, the Club would have been sued long ago. But as to there being no moral liability I join issue. The liability to pay is and can only be for technical reasons that are perfectly well known to the Club's Solicitors—a moral one.

The rightful owner of the winning ticket is therefore, to repeat the concluding words of my original letter, "dependent entirely on the honour of the Members of the Committee of the Chinese Club."

Mr. Fung Man-sui refers at length to the Arbitration to which the question of the ownership of the winning ticket was referred by agreement between the two claimants. The quotes from a letter written on 23rd March, 1923, by the Club's Solicitors to the respective Solicitors for the claimants that the Club only agreed to such arbitration on the conditions:—

(1) That the Club will not be bound to act according to the award of the arbitrators.

(2) That the Club reserves all its rights and that the position of the Club in law shall be deemed to be exactly the same as if no such arbitration had taken place.

The Club obviously meant to retain a free hand to pay whomsoever they liked independently of any arbitration. This is further exemplified by the Club's letter of 15th March, 1923, in reply to an application by Messrs. Lo and Tall, Solicitors for Chik Sung-ling, for an arbitration by two arbitrators and an umpire, part of which reads: "The Club does not wish to take part in any controversy your client may have with any person as to the ownership of the ticket."

It is only on being pressed by my firm on behalf of Mrs. Chan by a letter dated 21st March, 1923, that the Club's Solicitors reply as follows:—"We are instructed to inform you that the Club has requested of the parties to be prepared to appoint such members of the Club as are willing and as the parties shall agree to act as arbitrators to inquire into the ownership of the ticket No. 03066 as between the two present claimants."

On the terms and conditions quoted above. In paragraph 7 of his letter Mr. Fung Man-sui states that "it is true that the Club should not, and would not, be bound by the Award, but it would" (and here he quotes again from the above-mentioned letter from the Club's Solicitors) "no doubt give the Award of the Arbitrators its most weighty consideration when the Club comes to consider the question of payment after the Award has been made," and he goes on to say that "as the Club saw no reason for differing from the conclusion arrived at by the Arbitrators which, by agreement, was in fact to determine the rival claims, the only honourable and possible attitude for the Club to take up after the Award was to make the payment to the claimant so found to be the true owner, and accordingly the full amount of the prize money was paid to Mr. Chik on or about the 9th October, 1923."

But do the Club now see "no reason for differing from the conclusion arrived at by the Arbitrators" in the light of the following:—

On the 7th March, 1923, Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn on the morning after his return from Shanghai notified the Hon. Secretary of the Club in writing that Mrs. Chan was the owner of ticket No. 03066 which was lost, and gave him the names of each and every purchaser of a ticket in the book Nos. 03061 to 03070 and the number of the ticket each purchased.

Six witnesses stated on oath or affirmation that they saw the winning ticket No. 03066 sold to Mrs. Chan on 24th December, 1922, at the same time and place as the remaining tickets in the same book Nos. 03067-03070 were sold. The Arbitrators said (para. 2 (e) of Award):—"We are unable to accept the evidence given as to the sale and purchase of tickets Nos. 03066 to 03070. We reject such evidence as being untrue."

On what ground? Because Chik Sung-ling, Chik Yau-chau, his nephew, and Yuen Shing-dah, who posed as an important official in the Shanghai Branch of the China Special Bank though he could neither read nor write Chinese accounts and was in receipt of only \$12 a month wages, gave evidence that the ticket was purchased in the private room of Li Yung-chai at the office of the General Exchange Co., Ltd., on the 24th December, 1922.

1923, which evidence Li Yung-chai who was not called, at the Arbitration absolutely denied; in the libel action recently heard in the Court here.

It now transpires that of these witnesses Chik Yau-chau and Yuen Shing-dah were bribed. Evidence was obtained in Shanghai on commission and read at the hearing of the libel action which clearly proved this. The Promissory Note taking over Chik Yau-chai's liability to the General Exchange Co., Ltd. (which formed the bribe), was produced and a cheque signed "Lo and Lo" for \$4,100 payable to Yuen Shing-dah was also produced (the latter with 12 other cheques all signed "Lo and Lo" and all paid out of the proceeds of the first prize) by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation though the production was protested against by Mr. M. K. Lo, who actually paid the cheque to Yuen Shing-dah, one of the bribed witnesses, and took a receipt from him. This receipt was also produced. It was further proved that Yuen Shing-dah had refused to give evidence at the Arbitration unless he was paid cash \$1,000 that he accepted \$500 cash and a promise of a further sum should the award be in Chik Sung-ling's favour and nothing if against him. The amount paid to him out of the proceeds of the sweep prize was \$4,100 though he signed a receipt for \$4,300. The money actually paid to this witness was \$4,600. It was also proved at the hearing of the libel action that this witness was not an important official at the Bank as he had alleged, but a servant to Li Yung-chai, the Manager of the Bank in Shanghai. This same Yuen Shing-dah is now the proprietor of his own shop in Shanghai purchased out of his bribe. This also was proved in the libel action.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Chan and Henry Wei before the arbitrators that a telegram was sent by Henry Wei at the request of Mrs. Chan to Mr. Ng Quinn in the forenoon of the 1st March after she knew that she was the owner of the winning ticket and that she could not find it. The arbitrators dealt with this in the Award as follows:—"We find as a fact that this telegram was not sent off by Mr. Henry Wei on the instructions of the Defendant (Mrs. Chan) in the afternoon of the 1st March, 1923. We find that the Defendant did not tell him to send off this telegram and did not tell him to wire to Mr. Ng at all. It is not for us to speculate regarding the motives which the sender had in sending this telegram; it may be, as Mr. Alabaster suggested, that the sender thought that he himself had a chance in the ticket—03066, (this was denied by Henry Wei), or it may be that the sender, knowing that the ticket 03066 had been sold through Mr. Ng, assumed that it was sold to a member of the family." There was not one scrap of evidence to support this suggestion.

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On the 9th July my firm made a similar application to the Club itself.

To neither of these letters did my firm receive a reply.

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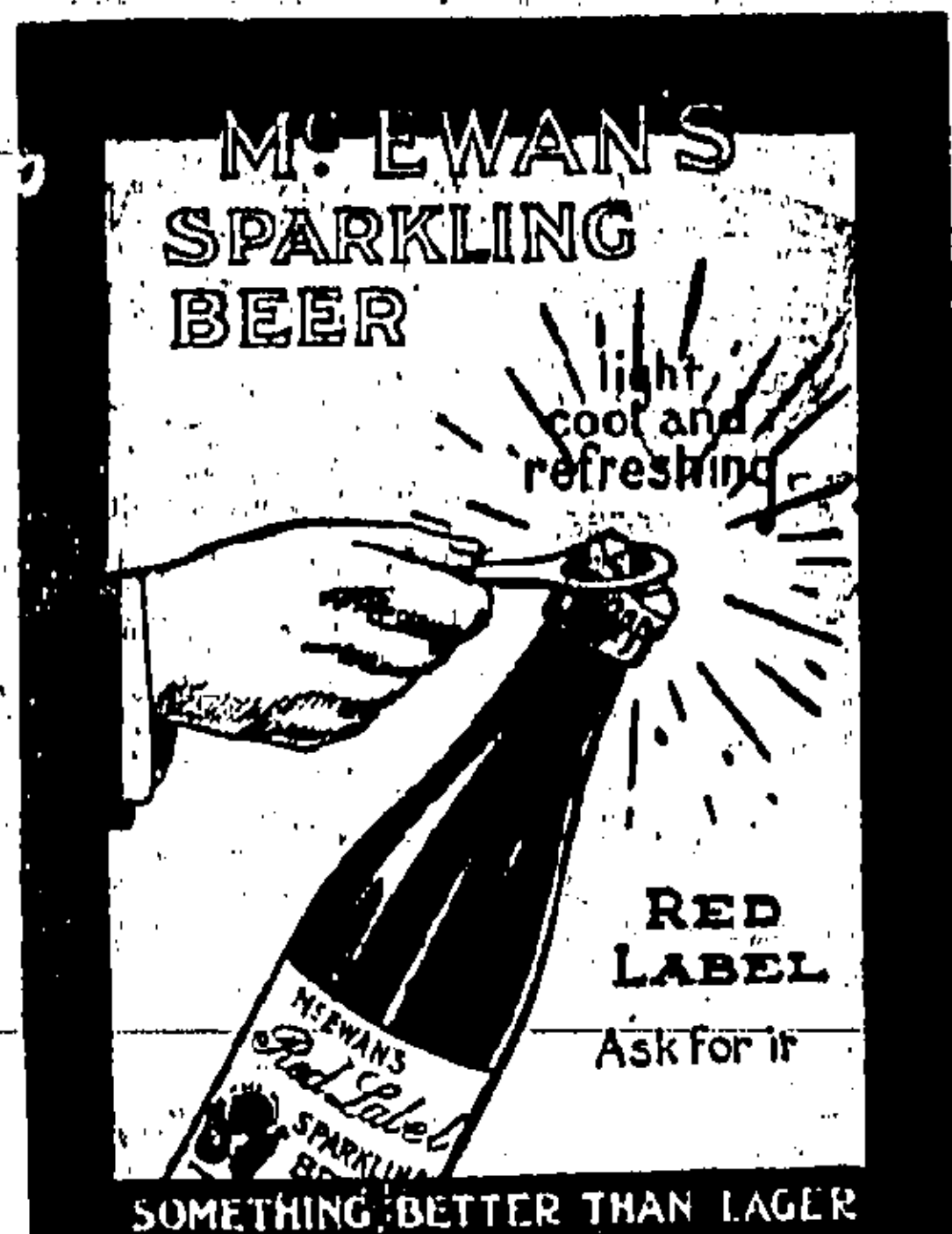
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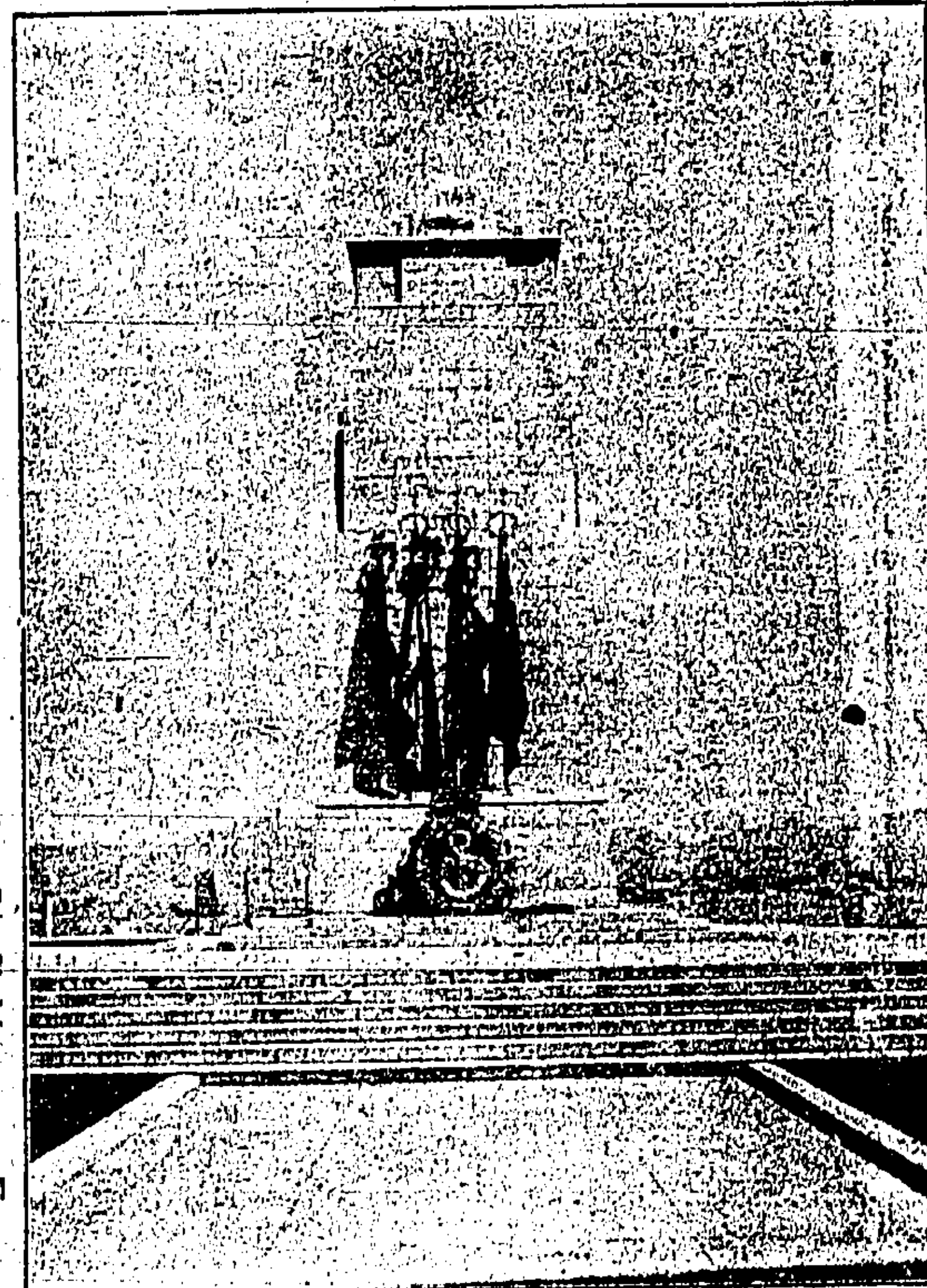
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